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SUBJECT: LABOR CONGRESSMEN DEMAND INCREASED POWER

1. FOLLOWING MARCH 18 MEETING BETWEEN ENTIRE BLOC SENATE AND CHAMBER LABOR LEGISLATORS AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS' LEADERS LORENZO MIGUEL, ROGELIO PAPAGNO AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS (UOCRA) LEADER SEGUNDO PALMA, LEGISLATORS RELEASED COMMUNIQUE STRESSING THEIR POSITION THAT LABOR REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD EXERCISE MUCH GREATER RESPONSIBILITY BOTH IN CONGRESS AND PERONIST MOVEMENT. COMMUNIQUE LISTS SEVEN RESOLUTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1) REITERATES COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION WITH THE "PERSON AND ACTIVITIES" OF THE PRESIDENT.

2) REAFFIRMS LOYAL SUPPORT TO THE CGT AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS.

3) RATIFIES THAT THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CONGRESS SHOULD OCCUPY POSITIONS, BOTH IN THE CONGRESS AND IN THE POLITICAL ORGANS, COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR POSITION AS "BACKBONE" OF THE NATIONAL JUSTICIALIST MOVEMENT.

4) MAKES PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE DESIRE TO PERONIZE ALL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IS IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH PERON'S PHILOSOPHY AND EXTENDS TO TAKING AN OPPOSITIONIST POSITION
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TO THOSE FREJULI BLOC GROUPS WHOSE ACTIONS NOW COINCIDE WITH

ANTI-NATIONALIST GROUPS (REFERS TO RECENT MID DOCUMENT CRITICIZING GOA).

5) DEMANDS THAT THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES CLARIFY THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF CONGRESSMAN HIPOLITO ACUNA.

6) TO SEND MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT ADVISING HER OF THE "DIFFICULTIES AND SHACKLES", IMPOSED BY SOME GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES, WHICH OBSTRUCT THE CONGRESSMEN'S WORK.

7) TO VISIT MISIONES PROVINCE TO SUPPORT THE PERONIST MOVEMENT IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

2. MAJOR TARGETS OF LEGISLATORS ARE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT BUSACCA AND SENATE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT ALLENDE, BOTH POPULAR CHRISTIAN PARTY MEMBERS. LABOR CONGRESSMEN SEEK THEIR REPLACEMENT BY PERONIST LABOR LEGISLATORS. PRESIDENTIAL PRIVATE SECRETARY LOPEZ REGA IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARY REFERRED TO IN ITEM 6.

COMMENT. PRESENCE LORENZO MIGUEL AT MEETING INDICATION THAT CONGRESSMEN'S DRIVE TO PERONIZE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WILL NOW COUNT WITH 62 ORGANIZATIONS' SUPPORT. PREVIOUS EFFORT WAS TORPEDOED BY MIGUEL WHO BOWED TO DEMANDS CHAMBER PRESIDENT RAUL LASTIRI THAT BUSACCA RETAIN HIS POSITION. ALTHOUGH FINAL OUTCOME NOT CERTAIN, LABOR NOW PRESENTING SOLID FRONT AGAINST POLITICAL SECTOR PERONIST MOVEMENT SO SOME CONCESSIONS ARE INEVITABLE. SEGUNDO PALMA RESUMED LEADERSHIP UOCRA MARCH 19 FOLLOWING HIS RECUPERATION FROM RECENT OPERATION. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT HE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CGT FROM WHICH HE HAS SIX MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE. IN FACT, MOVES ARE UNDERFOOT TO ATTEMPT TO REPLACE HIM AS UOCRA SECRETARY GENERAL BY PAPAGNO OR ASSISTANT SEC GEN SAAVEDRA.

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